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SUBMARINE DISASTER.

LOSS OF THE "L 24"

SUNK WITH ALL HANDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 10.
An Admiralty message says that the submarine "L 24" was lost off Portland, it is feared with all hands.

COLLIDED WITH BATTLESHIP.

LATER
The "L 24" which had a crew of thirty, collided with the battleship "Resolution" off Portland Bill.

LATER
It appears that "L 24" was exercising with the Atlantic fleet which left Portland in the morning for a three months' cruise and manoeuvres. The cause of the accident is so far unknown.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

LATER.
A lighter specially adapted to raise submarines is being rushed to the spot to try and salvage the "L 24". The latter is a modern vessel and one of the thirty-two submarines laid down between 1917 and 1922. The disaster occurred in a fog after the vessels of the Atlantic fleet had opened into the channel at the beginning of their Spring cruise.

STINNES INTERVIEWED.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

PARIS, January 10.
Interviewed by the *Journal des Debats* Herr Stinnes said the Ruhr industrialists agreed to pay reparations for the Reich until April 15 after which they could not continue. He outlined the scheme of deliveries in kind as a subsequent form of settlement and advocated that the Reich pay German Mines and factories for deliveries under long term contracts to allied industrialists who would pay the respective governments therefor, such payments to be written down to reparations account, the Reich to ensure repayment to industrialists by allocation of revenue from certain taxes. He was optimistic of a solution of all difficulties if the plan was adopted. The alternative to a sound Franco-German agreement was war.

SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES.

"MAJESTIC" CAPTAIN'S COMMENT.

NEW YORK, January 10.
Sir Bertram Hayes, Captain of the "Majestic," commented on the recent grounding of the "Leviathan" agreed with the testimony of Captain Hartley of the "Leviathan" before the Commission of Enquiry, that the stranding of the "Leviathan" was due to the narrowness and tortuousness of the channel and erratic tides. He said the channel had too little water for such an unwieldy craft as the "Majestic" and "Leviathan." "It is terrible to have to wind one's way up the bay against winds, tides, and currents, and continually dodge small craft which dart across steamers' path unrestrictedly."—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW YORK SOCIETY SENSATION.

SOCONY HEIRESS TO WED AUSTRIAN COUNT.

NEW YORK, January 10.
Society has been surprised at the newspaper announcement of the marriage of Millicent, the twenty-year-old daughter of Colonel Huddleston Rogers, heiress to the forty-million dollar estate which her father inherited from the Standard Oil magnate Rogers, to the forty-year-old Austrian tennis player Count Ludwig von Hoogstraten. The bride's parents, on learning of the marriage cancelled the passages of the marriage and their daughter to Europe on January 12.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANS FURIOUS.

BERLIN, January 10.
Germany is practically depending upon London and Paris for news presumably as a result of the Speyer Affair. The Separatists have established a strict censorship and it is known that they arrived with a number of prominent Germans at the Palatine as hostages. The newspapers comment furiously that the French are supporting the Separatists and point out that the Bavarian Government issued a warrant against Dr. Heintz for high treason.

MOVIE FILMS BURNED.

FIRE AT WEST POINT.

Believed to have broken out last night in the first floor of No. 13A, Hill Road, occupied by a Chinese cinema proprietor, a fire spread to Nos. 45 and 47, Pokfulam Road, two houses directly to the back and separated by a rear-lane. The latter buildings face the western side of the University Main Hall and are quite close to the two medical schools outside the grounds. Unhindered by any property in front, the breeze kept the

flames fanned with the result that No. 13A was gutted and damage was done by both fire and water to the houses at the rear. A quantity of cinema films, said to number several hundred were burnt out. The damage has not been assessed yet but none of the property in the houses, was insured. It is believed that the houses themselves are covered by insurance.

At about 9 p.m. the alarm was raised. Kennedy Town station sent one engine and three others arrived from Central in the charge of Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Moss. In an hour, the initial danger of the fire

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

VISIT TO BOARD OF TRADE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 10.
In the course of a prolonged visit China and other industrial missioners discussed the objects of their mission at the Board of Trade where they were received by Sir Sydney Chapman and Overseas Trade Department representatives. The missioners were entertained at a private luncheon by the Federation of British Industries, Colonel Armstrong, the Chairman, presiding over a gathering including Mr. Godfrey Isaacs and representatives of Aveling, Firths, the Cottonspinners' Association and other important industrialists. Chang Chien responding briefly to the toast of the guests, emphasised that while the object of the mission was to acquire information, this was in no way contrary to the interests of foreign manufacturers trading with China. He contended that China would be unable to increase her purchases substantially and rapidly so long as her ability to pay therefor remained undeveloped. On the other hand the development of China's vast natural resources would mean a new era of prosperity for other nations. The British industrialists had a reputation for fearlessness in facing competition and he did not doubt that despite competition, these would be amongst the first to contribute to and benefit from the industrial development of China. The mission visits Rochester to-morrow and thence it proceeds to Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham and other industrial centres.

"LITTLE ENTENTE" POWERS.

CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

LONDON, January 10.
The conference of the "Little Entente" powers which opened at Belgrade to-day, is attracting much attention as it is likely to illustrate new groupings, further complicating the European problem. The chief subjects on the agenda are the financial reform of Hungary, recognition of Russia and the Franco-Szech-Slovak treaty but that French policy will dominate the proceedings is apparent from an article in the inspired Belgrade newspaper *Vreme* which says that the first question for consideration will be the renewal of the treaty with France "which is destined to become the axis of continental politics." It adds that the introduction of Russia into European politics comes next. It is noteworthy in this connection that it is announced in London that the British Government has hitherto received no answer to its enquiry in reference to war debts but expects the conference to formulate a joint reply thereto.

BAVARIAN PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION.

HOW THE DEED WAS DONE.

MUNICH, January 10.
An eye-witness of the assassination of Dr. Heintz, President of the Bavarian Separatist Government, says that Dr. Heintz, accompanied by a few friends, sat down to dinner at the hotel where he was staying. Half an hour later three youths entered and asked for Dr. Heintz and were conducted to the restaurant. One darted behind Dr. Heintz's chair and fired repeatedly point-blank at his head, Dr. Heintz falling dead. The murderer continued firing wildly, mortally wounding a friend of Dr. Heintz. The murderer eventually, with his companions all firing, walked out and escaped after mortally wounding two passers by in the street and less seriously wounding a number of others.

GREEK POLITICS.

INTENTIONS OF M. VENIZELOS.

ATHENS, January 10.
M. Venizelos stated that he would assume the Foreign portfolio with a view to re-establishing cordial relations with the foreign powers. He will personally superintend the organisation of a plebiscite on the question of a change on the constitution.

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THREE SPEECHES.

William Poon in his *Fruits of Volitude* remarks that the end of speech is to be understood. Having read carefully, word by word, the three speeches delivered at Wednesday's degree ceremony at the University we can say without hesitation that the speakers there achieved the most desirable end of being understood. The speeches though big in quantity are more so in quality and rank with some of the best we have read. Having in view the occasion of their delivery—the presentation of honorary degrees to those deemed worthy to receive them, and the element of stock-taking that we must expect from the head of a young University, it is to be expected that length must over to an accepted fact with regard to omissions delivered on these very auspicious occasions. Apart from the speeches—and that they were very acceptable may be judged by the punctuation of them with bursts of applause by those who attended the ceremony—the degrees conferred upon Mr. Prece and Mr. A. W. Tso will give general satisfaction. Some may cavil at the delay which has taken place in conferring these honours, especially now that the extent of the

services of these gentlemen to the University is made more generally known. Mere words are probably unavailing in conveying adequately what they have done. Mr. Tso's services have not been merely to the University. His association with the late Sir Dr. Kai Ho Kai is more than a tradition in the annals of public and disinterested service in Hongkong. It dates back to the years when the idea of a University was undreamt of; when the question of higher education amongst Chinese was a matter of no little optimism and courage, but attempted by idealists and assisted by idealists of the stamp of Mr. Tso. The Vice-Chancellor was exceedingly happy and truthful in his statement that Mr. Tso was a living example of the Chinese educated in England who had not lost his national characteristics. Of independence of thought, the recent interview the *China Mail* has been privileged to have with Mr. Tso more than confirm, whilst the speech he has left on record is a memorial to his earnestness, and his clear sighted manner in viewing things.

Mr. Prece gravely contends that he is not an "educated" man—only an engineer. He is evidently none the worse for that. An enthusiast obviously, a man who has found his work, is happy in it and is therefore counted among the blessed. The University seems to have been fortunate to the 11th degree in securing the services of men will-

ing to advance its cause for the sheer love of doing so. Mr. Prece is a typical example. He adds to his many benefactions a speech that rings peculiarly true—peculiarly British—whose message is learn, learn, and again learn. We may well leave it at that.

The Vice-Chancellor's own song—for that is what it evidently is, we do not propose to examine in detail. It was worthy the man and worthy the occasion. Honest in purpose with no ambiguity in any of its parts, it ranks amongst the few great speeches which have been delivered here. Sir William Brunyate has some small satisfaction in being able to hand over his charge with its lustre undimmed—may a little brighter we venture to think. The future still has its difficulties, but Sir William has worked in yeoman-like fashion to make them less formidable than they otherwise would be.

We trust that it will be deemed worthy to have the three speeches we have so briefly commented upon, published in pamphlet form. They should not be lost in the columns of newspapers or the archives of the Bonham Road establishment.

Why Not?

The showing of films at the Coronet Theatre depicting the training of Chinese Policemen, is on a par with the recent display of educational films—a piece of enterprise that must be commended and demonstrating anew the practical apart from its amusement side, of the cinema industry. It is capable of enlargement in many directions. One that we think of at the moment is in connection with the Education Dept., which, it is alleged is grappling with the question of understaffing. Teachers will not come we are told. Well then, have a film made of a teacher's life in Hongkong, and sent home for display. There are difficulties in the way we admit. The trouble will be what to include and what to leave out. Unquestionably the first thing will be to show a teacher in receipt of his or her monthly cheque, with a close-up showing the gruffed smile on the face of the teacher. Then a distant view of the Peak might be given to show what the would-be educationist could look forward to. Or failing this one of the house—with furniture, that a grateful and severely economic government provides for married teachers. By all means add views of Japan as the place where summer holidays can be spent and a view of the various Club houses which are to be found here, including the lounge of the Hotel and a view of the grill room, and of course Despatch Bay. Other scenes could doubtless be included, and with the letter press—if that is what it is called—carefully worded, the supply of teachers would easily exceed the demand. There are at least two things that should be excluded from this proposed film; one is a view of the outside of the Saiyungpun School building, and the other is the Education Board in session with someone or other making a speech on education.

We wonder how many parents have had a Christmas drummed into them.

They may be raising Queen's Road higher but we should like to point out that they are also raising our ire!

Captain Robert Dollar urges us to get a move on. He must have been taken along Queen's Road.

The rumour that the members of the Education Board have resigned is denied. They've not been educated to that step yet.

Some revellers we wot of, running us of the High Cost of Low Living.

"It is not impossible," says the *Evening News*, "that Miss Megan Lloyd George will write a book upon her impressions of America." No, but it ought to be.

Should Married Men write to Former Sweethearts? Is the question put by a contemporary. You may take it from us that the answer is "Not if they give their home address."

Mr. Will Irwin, The *Bright* retained by Collier's, a magazine to direct a campaign for

world peace through the columns of that periodical, made a study of the League of Nations. He found faults—many of them. He detected shortcomings and did not hesitate to enumerate them. But he concludes that, in regard to the League, if "we Americans are to approach the subject with any spirit of truth, we must reorient ourselves." Call the League, as did its opponents in 1919, a dangerous superstate, aimed

at the blood-bought independence of these United States, and you are talking passé nonsense. It has so far failed to perform any superfunctions.

"The fact remains, however, that the League is now the one bright spot in a mad and tortured Europe—the single political nucleus of sanity and good will. Weak it may be; yet every year since its foundation has seen it stronger. After only four years of existence, it is so firmly fixed in the international structure that if it did not exist, Europe would be obliged to create it."

E. A. Brooks, a wealthy FAITH. South Australian rancher, showed that he had the courage of his convictions regarding the future of Western Australia when he purchased recently close on 1,000,000 acres in the Murchison district. On his return from a trip through this State, he said that he was of the opinion that within another fifteen or twenty years it would be carrying more than 20,000,000 sheep and would be growing some of the best wool in Australia. From other indications, also, it would seem that Western Australia is looming large as an important factor in the future of the Commonwealth.

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Mr. What, that girl! She squints!

Sister: She has absolutely no style.

Aunt: Red-headed isn't she?

Grandma: I'm afraid she's flighty.

Uncle: And she's no money.

Cousin No. 1: She doesn't look strong.

Cousin No. 2: She's stuck up.

Cousin No. 3: She's an extravagant thing.

The Son (thoughtfully): Well, she's got one redeeming feature, anyhow!

Chorus: What's that?

Son: She hasn't a relative on earth!

Pa: Grab her, my boy, grab her!

ALL SCOTCH. Teddert justice—

A ditty hand makes a clean hearth-stone.

Law's costly; tak a pint an' gree.

Wae's the wife that wants her tongue, but we'll see the man that's got her.

The de'il's bairns lase aye their daddy's luck.

We can live without our kin, but no without our neebours.

Keep lame, and lame will keep you.

As hual winna wash the ither for no.

Fleas an' a girmin' wife are wake-crit bedfellows.

Every man's tale is guid till another's be tauld.

Guid we make a quick market. He that does his turn in time sits hual idle.

If a' things are true that's nee lee. It's an ill fight when he that wins has the worst o'.

Ilka man as he likes: I'm for the cook.

Gunpowder is hasty eldin.

THE GREAT MYSTERY. The greatest mystery of life is love. Who has not sought to sound its unexplored depths? Who has not felt its all-compelling power? Who has not surrendered to its irresistible force? Love is the dream of the poet, the puzzle of the philosopher, the theme of the novelist, and the song of the minstrel. Love links all the human rays. Its note of victory is heard in the royal court and in the peasant's cottage. It is the stimulus of parental affection in the home and of patriotism in the nation. Brave men die for it; and noble women perish that they may bear its sweet incense with them to the grave. How ardent and tender is this splendid attribute of mankind! In its smiling presence, anger, bitterness and strife melt away. How much more has the world to hope for from love than from envy, malice and hatred.

To-day's Poem. (Dedication of the Gift of a Book to a Child.)

Child, do not throw this book about! Refrain from the wholly pleasure of cutting all the pictures out!

Preserve it as your chief treasure.

Child, have you ever heard it said That you are heir to all the ages? Why, then, your hands were never made To tear these beautiful thick pages!

Your little hands were made to take The better things and leave the worse ones!

They also may be used to shake The Massive Paws of Elder Persons.

And when your prayers complete the day Daring, your little tiny hands Were also made, I think, to pray For men that lost their fairy lands.

—HILARY BELLING.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 11.

1608. With my wife for half an hour walking in the moonlight, and it being cold, frosty weather, walking in the garden, and then home to supper, and so by the fireside to have my head combed, as I do now often do, by Deb.—Pepys.

KINDNESS.

Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence, or learning.
—F. W. FABER.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 11.—Coronet Theatre; "The Birth of a Nation."
January 11.—Star Theatre; "The Forbidden Fruit."
January 11.—World Theatre; "The Heart Line."
January 11.—The Grand Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "Trouble."
January 14.—Theatre Royal, a School's entertainment, under the auspices of the Victoria Diocesan Assn. at 4.30 p.m.

January 12.—Dancing in Palace Hotel.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

January 12.—Theatre Royal, H.K. Boxing Assn.'s third tournament of the season at 8.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.
February 1.—One hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamship Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.
January 14.—Ordinary annual general meeting of St. David's Society in the Supreme Court, 5.10 p.m.

January 14.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society in St. John's Cathedral, 5.15 p.m.

January 22.—Diocesan Boys' School Annual Speech Day from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW.
March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.57 p.m.

H.E. The Governor is to distribute the prizes at Queen's College on the 26th inst.

The jazz band of H. M. S. "Despatch" will play at the Palace Hotel to-morrow evening.

The annual prize distribution at Ying Wah College takes place on Wednesday next when Lady Severn will officiate.

Prize distributions are to take place at the Yau-mat and Ellis Kadoorie Schools on the 11th and 25th inst. respectively.

Hongkong St. Andrew's Society is arranging for the annual Burns Night to be celebrated at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, 25th inst.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has kindly consented to present Medals and Spoons to members of winning teams in the Queen's College Inter-Class Football Competition on Tuesday next at 4.30 p.m., after the final match has been played on the Q. C. Ground at Causeway Bay.

The train service on the Canton-Samsui line and the launch service between the West Bund and the railway station at Shekwan have been suspended. The station is under military guard and "martial law" has been declared in that region.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China (E.C.) on Wednesday night, Wor. Bro. J. Own Hughes (Victoria Lodge) was invested as Deputy District Grand Master for the ensuing year by the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master (the Hon Mr. P. H. Holyoak).

The schools of the Victoria Diocesan Association are giving an entertainment in the Theatre Royal on Monday afternoon. It will include a Chinese play. The programme has been arranged by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Diocesan Boys' School), Miss Woo (St. Paul's Girls' School), Mr. Owen Hughes, jun., and Mr. T. S. W. Chan (Diocesan Boys' School). The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E., LL.D., will speak at the opening of the proceedings.

HONGKONG EDUCATION.

MR. IRVING NOT RESIGNING.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Interviewed by a *China Mail* representative regarding the reported impending retirement of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, and the rumours concerning supposed successors, Sir Claude Severn, the Colonial Secretary, stated that Mr. Irving is not resigning. He is merely going home on leave in February. The question of his substitute is being discussed. Whether or not Mr. Irving will retire will be considered by the Government, but for official information at present, Mr. Irving is going on leave. Questions regarding possible changes in the status of the Education Board vis-a-vis the Director of Education do not therefore arise.

OUR TAXIS.

MANY MORE ON THE WAY OUT.

SPECIAL NEW ORDER.

Hongkong, the first Far Eastern city to have taxis, will soon have a very complete service of these handy vehicles, thanks to the enterprise of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd. Speaking to a *China Mail* man this morning, the General Manager, Mr. A. H. Rowe, mentioned that twenty taxis have left the factory this month. There are thirty coming out on the steamer "Porthos" and thirty more on the "Angkor" next month. That will make eighty taxis for Hongkong and Kowloon. The new taxis have been specially constructed for Hongkong and when they arrive the present ones will be transferred to Kowloon.

As soon as the new taxis are in proper service a further order for forty more will be placed, giving Hongkong and Kowloon 120 altogether. Eighty was the original total fixed for the Colony, but the Company has decided to order the additional forty in consequence of the steadily increasing popularity of their service.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Eighteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday. One was British and the rest were all Chinese.

Attention is directed to our advertising columns announcing a reward for the recovery of a valuable dog.

There will be a Musicales at the Helena May Institute on Thursday January 17th, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets 50 cents each, for Members and their friends, must be booked in advance. Tea served from 4.30 p.m.—Advt.

A meeting was held this afternoon at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to discuss what had been done by the sub-committee appointed to go into the proposed House Building Law. A full account will appear in to-morrow's issue.

The trial of the man who was presented at the criminal sessions yesterday on indictments arising out of participation in an armed robbery at Portland Street, Yau-mat, was concluded this morning. The jury found the prisoner guilty of armed robbery and the unlawful possession of arms, the Chief Justice imposing a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment on the first charge and seven years on the other, with twenty strokes of the "cat."

An entertainment which attracted a surprisingly good number considering the lack of publicity given to it, took place at the Theatre last night, when a group of citizens from the borders of Roumania gave a concert consisting of Russian and Serbian songs, and dances which were much appreciated. The performers invested their songs and dances with a considerable amount of vim despite the fact that they played to a House that brought them no financial profit.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Those leaving for home shortly on what is termed "well-earned" leave, include the Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Mr. C. I. McMessier, the Chief Justice and Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Mr. L. Wedderburn, who has been managing Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's Singapore branch during Mr. E. Chatter's absence, has arrived here to-day by the P. and O. "Mores" on his way to Shanghai where he will resume duty in the head office.

General Lau Tsun-wan, commanding the pro-Sun Kwang and allied forces on the Kowloon Canton Railway, stayed in the King Edward Hotel for a day and has since returned to Canton, says the vernacular press. It is also stated that he was on a political errand.

RAGGER RAGGINGS.

(BY "SCRIMMAGE")

My criticisms of the Interport were uncalculated and in extremely bad taste—moreover they were venomous. I was wanting in the fact that I did not say rude things to the selection committee. I display a lack of knowledge of the inner workings of the local Ragger world. My criticisms are disjointed and destructive. I am evidently new to my role and out of perspective in blame and praise, while the latter savours somewhat of fawning. In other words if I criticise adversely it is venomous. (I have been looking through my previous "Disjointed and Destructive" and it seems to me that King is the man that should have sent me the cigars for Christmas). Now you know my true character please don't read what I write. (I however we did not ask to play?)!!!!

The Club players appear to be taking a rest—healing the grazes I suppose. It is a bit difficult to keep matches going week after week with so few men coming forward who are eager to play. I say "eager" advisedly as the man who has to be pressed to play does not do a great amount to foster the game out here.

The Navy are going strong with their mid-week matches. I had visions once of keeping track of their various players but their name is legion.

After Colonel Hill's speech at the Interport Dinner I have given up hopes of seeing the Army turn out a side. It is a pity—must be the first time for some years that it has happened.

In the absence of any information I surmise that there is to be no match on Saturday, neither is there any news as to when the Navy-Cup-cup will be played. I sincerely hope that there will not be a general slackening off now that the Interport is over. Remember Club that you started the season with a firm resolve to get that Cup this year. You have won the first leg and have got a wonderful chance. What about a little training now. Eh! what about it?

I had not meant to revert back to the Interport but I do hope that the Shanghai-Navy referee will get a new whistle before he officiates again. I forgot to say this last week. It was a plaintive sort of note, wasn't it?

The North of England sprang a surprise on Rugby followers when they defeated the South at Birkenhead Park by 24 points to 13, as also did France when they beat Scotland. One wonders what France are like this season. It would be a terrible shock to everybody's system if they won all their matches.

Before next Friday I hope to be in possession of more news regarding forthcoming local Ragger matches. Which brings my disjointed train of thought back to "Fed Up" letter in which he accuses me of being ignorant of the inner workings of the local Ragger world. I am wondering if anybody knows much about it.

THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Two Kings in Brentford. The chairman's resolution which was put to the meeting and carried, the chairman announcing that there was only one dissentient.

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KOWLOON FLAT.

OWNER SUES OCCUPIER.
INTERESTING RENTS PROBLEM SOLVED.

Judgment was given in the Summary Court by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) to-day in the case which Mr. Robert Arthur Clarke, a clerk in the Naval Yard, was sued by Chan Shun-ze, owner of the flat at No. 33 Nathan Road where Mr. Clarke resides, for possession under the Rents Ordinance.

At the hearing last month the plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. M. Watson and Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared for the defence. Mr. Watson explained that the flat was originally let to a Mr. Bolderson. A week or two before the hearing judgment for possession was obtained against the latter on the ground that he had not paid his rent for several months. Mr. Clarke claimed to be sub-tenant of Bolderson but the plaintiff's contention was that Mr. Clarke was not a tenant but a caretaker and, alternatively, that if he was a tenant he was not protected at law by the Rents Ordinance. The tenancy of Bolderson having been determined the tenancy of the defendant was, Mr. Watson argued, *ipso facto* determined.

The defendant, in the witness box, said that he heard that the flat was vacant from a newspaper advertisement. He then got into touch with the tenant, Mr. Bolderson, with whom he arranged to take over the flat after buying the furniture and fittings for \$400. When he went in on September 23 he made inquiries and was informed that the rent for September had not been paid. He then obtained a sum of \$70 from Mr. Bolderson. When handing over the keys Mrs. Bolderson said her husband owed two months' rent, which he would send to the landlord.

The defendant asserted that he took over the flat only on the condition that he became a sub-tenant of Mr. Bolderson though he admitted, when questioned on the point by Mr. Watson, that his letter was "somewhat misleading." He had never, he said, paid any rent to Bolderson.

H. Honour's Decision.
In the course of his judgment this morning His Honour said it was impossible to support the view that Clarke was a caretaker. "It is absurd," the Puisse Judge proceeded to point out, "to say that a man who has made himself responsible for the full monthly rental and has paid a substantial sum for the furniture and fittings is a mere caretaker. Then has he the protection of the Rents Ordinance? If he has not it is clear that plaintiff is entitled to possession."

After discussing a number of legal authorities, including several which Mr. Watson had quoted during his argument, His Honour said that, generally speaking, the general object of the law was the protection of the man in actual occupation and in the case before him the defendant clearly was a tenant in actual occupation. "No doubt, a very wary man," remarked the Judge in conclusion, "would not have concluded his bargain until he had seen the rent receipts. But there was nothing to put Clarke on inquiry; he trusted Bolderson, it is true—but so did the landlord, who allowed him to be four months in arrears with his rent. In my opinion—when the order for possession was made against Bolderson and he dropped out then Clarke's relation to the landlord became that of statutory tenant under the Ordinance. There must be judgment for the defendant with costs."

BANK MERGER.

MANAGERS INTERVIEWED.

The absorption of the Asia Banking Corporation by the International Banking Corporation briefly reported in to-day's papers, was confirmed by managers of both banks when seen by a *China Mail* representative this morning. An agreement has been reached, we understand, whereby the International Bank will take over all the assets and business of the Asia Banking Corporation which at the completion of the negotiations will cease to exist. This merger, Mr. Hogg, the International Bank manager, told our representative, will be helpful to all American banking institutions in the Far East. Subsequent announcements will be made as to the business arrangement, he said. The deal is subject to the approval of the stockholders and a special meeting has been called to expound the sale, after which further detailed information will be available. Mr. D. M. Biggar, manager of the Asia Bank informed us that it is expected that the process of transition will be completed by Aug. 31 this year, when the International Bank will start on its new arrangements.

A further message received to-day from Shanghai stated—"It is announced (in Shanghai) that the Asia Bank has, under the agreement for the sale of its assets and business to the International

YAUMATI SCHOOL.

DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT.

One of the popular features at the distribution of prizes at Yaumati School this morning was the granting of a half-holiday to the students by Hon. Mr. E. Irving, Director of Education. Mrs. G. P. de Martin, wife of the former headmaster, was given a bouquet by the enthusiastic scholars after she had given out the prizes and in response, her request that the students be granted a holiday, was loudly cheered.

Father Valtorta, a member of the Board of Education was an interested visitor. Mr. G. E. Edwards, the headmaster, in his annual report stated that the school was opened on 220 days during the year, the minimum enrolment was 271 and the average attendance 246. Last year the average was 260.

The attendance had been good, but there were still too many cases of boys being kept away from school on account of family affairs. It had only been possible to admit a few of the many boys who had applied for admission. The district was developing so rapidly that a school much larger than the existing one was needed.

The discipline had been excellent. The boys were well mannered and easily controlled. The prefects rendered useful assistance in the maintenance of order.

The health of the school had been good, went on Mr. Edwards. As regards the studies, 234 boys took the Annual Examination in November and 210 passed. The results taken as a whole were good except in Class 7c. In this class 11 boys failed out of 25 presented, and of these 6 failed in English, 3 in Chinese and 2 in both English and Chinese.

At the Entrance Examination to Queen's College 12 boys passed out of 15 presented. The standard for a pass was raised from 60 to 70 per cent. The examination revealed weakness in Colloquial, Dictation and Composition, the results in the other subjects were good.

In athletics inter-class football and volleyball competitions were held after the summer holidays and created a great deal of interest.

Swimming parties went out regularly during the summer months and about 40 non-swimmers took lessons at classes held at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Sung On-wing had rendered valuable assistance as sportsmaster and he had been ably assisted by Mr. So Tsi-keung.

The library, continued the headmaster, now contained 200 English and 500 Chinese books and had been much used by the boys.

"In conclusion," said Mr. Edwards, "I wish to thank Mrs. de Martin for kindly coming here to-day to distribute the prizes and also all members of the staff for their support and co-operation during the year. (Cheers.)"

The prize winners were:—
English.
Class 4.—1st, and Scholarship, Lo Tai-fun; 2nd, Ho Tai-yung.
Class 5a.—1st, and Scholarship, Wong Kang-U; 2nd, Yeung Hing-lung.

Class 5b.—1st, Chan Kam-tai; 2nd, Chan To-wing.
Class 6a.—1st, and Scholarship, Ling Kam-hon; 2nd, So Kai-sung.
Class 6b.—1st, Lok Ping-cheung; 2nd, Wu Yat-sing.

Class 7a.—1st, and Scholarship, Hung Cheuk-kwong; 2nd, Wong Tam-kwai.
Class 7b.—1st, Kong Wing-wa; 2nd, Wong Chung-wing.
Class 7c.—1st, Fung Kap-ki; 2nd, Lau Hung-teei.

Class 8.—1st, Leung Ping-fat; 2nd, Tang Tze-kun.
Chinese.
4.—1st, Lo Ke-fan.
5a.—1st, Wong Kang-U.
5b.—1st, Chan To-wing.
6a.—1st, Ling Kam-hon.
6b.—1st, So Chin-fun.
7a.—1st, Hung Cheuk-kwong.
7b.—1st, Wong Wing-wa.
7c.—1st, Wong Sau-keung.
8.—1st, Leung Ping-fat.

Special prizes presented by the vernacular masters for Chinese Composition Competition: 1st, Wong Wai-pun (4a); 2nd, Lau Sui-lun (7a); 3rd, Hung Cheuk-kwong (6a).

THE CORONET.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

D. W. Griffith's big spectacular film, "The Birth of a Nation" will commence at the Coronet to-morrow. This is the picture that practically started the movie proper, and although it was first made some years ago, it is still considered a first-class attraction both in England and America. The period is that of the American Civil War, and many striking scenes depict the course of events in those strenuous times.

More than 7,000 Spaniards have been added to Cuba's population. Organized efforts recently have been made to bring Cuban emigrants from the United States to Cuba, and the disturbed political situation in Spain is said to have aided the movement.

TO-MORROW'S INVASION.

"FRANCONIA" TOURISTS' PLANS.

To-morrow morning at seven, the "Franconia" is expected to tie up at wharf No. 5, Kowloon. As previously announced, she has on board 425 tourists who are travelling round the world under the auspices of the American Express Co.

A number of prominent American and British people are on board whilst the name of the noted Spanish writer, Don Vicente Blasco Ibanez, is also on the list of passengers. Mr. L. W. Rowland of "The Times Magazine" is on board in charge of the publicity.

Directly the ship arrives, one hundred of the tourists will leave for Canton by the Steamboat Co.'s "Kinsan" which will put on extra speed and get in at Canton at 1 p.m. This party will return to-morrow night by the "Lung-shan" which leaves at 6 p.m. Thirty others will also visit Canton, going to-morrow night by the "Heungshan" and returning by the same ship on Sunday night at the usual hours.

Itineraries have been arranged for those remaining in the Colony. Different parties will visit in turn, the Peak, Repulse Bay, the mainland and the Chinese quarter.

The "Franconia" leaves for the south at 5 p.m. on Monday.

THE STAR.

"FORBIDDEN FRUIT."

Cecil B. de Mille's gorgeous film "Forbidden Fruit" is due at the Star to-day till Saturday. It is heralded as a picture quite out of the ordinary, containing as it does so many scenes depicting society life in America's gayest cities. Agnes Ayres is the leading figure in the production, and the story, although not highly original, is handled in refreshingly novel fashion.

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I Henry Long of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Managing Director of the Alpha Towboat Co., Ltd. hereby give notice that in consequence of a change of ownership I have applied to the Board of Trade under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1849 in respect of the steam launch "Ah Tong" of Canton of 20 tons approximately, length 86 feet 4 inches breadth 14 feet 6 inches depth 5 feet 5 inches heretofore owned by Chan Tung of Canton China for permission to change her name to "Bear Leaf" and to have her registered in the new name at the port of Hongkong as owned by the Alpha Towboat Company Limited.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement. Dated at Hongkong this 11th day of January 1924. (Sgd.) H. Long.

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NOTICE.

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ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

ACCIDENT TO COMPETITOR.

Except for a regrettable accident to one of the competitors, the first annual athletic sports of the Central British School were held with entire success yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Cricket Club's ground. The casualty was Master W. King, who, after winning the junior High Jump, fell during an exhibition performance and apparently dislocated his right elbow. First aid was rendered by the sports officials pending the arrival of Dr. Wong, and he was later removed to hospital in the motor ambulance.

The events were keenly contested and in connection with the prizes a new scheme was introduced. No prizes were given for second and third places and to encourage the children to strive for general efficiency, a new arrangement of awarding prize to first winners only was initiated which produced very satisfactory results. The boys competed in groups representing the Nathan, Langard and May Houses, while the girls represented the Bede, St. George's and St. Dunstan's Houses.

At the end of the sports Lady Severn distributed the prizes at the club house. Before the presentation the Headmaster, Mr. G. P. Nightingale, said this was the first annual sports meeting of the Central British School. The children did not compete as individuals, but as members of different Houses, each striving for the honour of his or her particular group. The competitors all realised that on him or her depended the success of their Houses, and had shown a keen spirit of rivalry. When the question of holding the sports was discussed, said Mr. Nightingale, the older children suggested that no prizes be given and that sufficient reward would be yielded by the knowledge that they had done something for their Houses. It was, however, decided to give small silver cups for championship events to serve as an everlasting record of their services rendered to the Houses. Mr. Nightingale concluded by thanking all who had assisted to make the sports a success.

After giving away the prizes Lady Severn was presented with a bouquet by little Miss Wylie.

The announcement was made by the Headmaster, before the gathering dispersed, that Mr. E. Kalpis had promised the School a shield so that the achievements of the different Houses can be recorded.

The following were the results:
Boys' 100 yards (senior): I, G. Bond, Junior: I, T. Whitley.

Girls' 100 yards (senior): I, Phyllis Wooley, Junior: I, E. Stewart.

Boys' long jump (senior): I, W. Matchin, Junior: I, T. Neave.

Girls' 50 yards (senior): I, M. Martin, Junior: I, E. Stewart.

Boys' quarter mile (senior): I, R. Patton, Junior: I, K. Jenner.

Skipping race (senior): I, Marjorie Martin, Junior: I, E. Stewart.

High jump (senior): I, G. Bond, Junior: I, W. King.

Girls' potato race (senior): I, M. Gourley, Junior: I, J. Raven.

FOOTBALL

HONGKONG INTERPORT TEAM.

The following team has been selected to represent Hongkong at the forthcoming Interport matches at Shanghai:

Wyness (H. M. S. Tamar); Wynne, Bishop; McKelvie; Stewart, Lelliot; Charlesworth; Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg; Reserves: Casteldine, Wheeler and Mair.

The team is booked to sail from Hongkong on February 1st, by the s.s. "President Lincoln."

CLUB v. "TITANIA"

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in the first round of the Challenge Shield against H. M. S. "Titania" on the club ground tomorrow. Kick off 4 p.m.—R. Hutchison, W. Gerrard, C. E. Bishop, A. Mair, J. Stewart, J. W. R. McPhail, G. Watson, A. S. Forsyth, (Capt.) H. G. Howard, S. D. Begg and G. Angus.

KOWLOON TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon F. C. in their shield matches to-morrow:

Senior Shield v. Police on Kowloon ground at 4 p.m.—B. Rasmussen: F. Wheeler, T. L. Knight; M. Howard, J. McKelvie, H. G. (Wheeler); C. Millard, J. Morton, K. Mason, R. Nash and A. Duncan. Reserve: A. E. Latham.

Junior Shield v. "Hawkins" on Kowloon ground at 2.30 p.m.—J. Bench: B. Guest, D. Urquhart; A. W. Brown, E. Ollier. Randle: V. Hast, B. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary, and B. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. W. Chapman.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. S. CHINA "A"

The following will represent Club de Recreio in the Junior shield competition against South China "A" on Saturday at 2.30 on South China ground.—M. Silva; H. Prata, P. Xavier, V. Xavier, A. A. Remedios, A. Carvalho; A. A. Botelho, D. Alves, W. Ogley (Capt.), G. Gosano and L. Rocha. Reserves: A. Riquitos and L. Gomes.

Boys' half mile (senior): I, R. Patton, Junior: I, K. Jenner.

Girls' egg and spoon (senior): I, M. Gourley, Junior: I, C. Dixon.

Boys' relay race (senior): I, May House, Junior: Nathan House.

Girls' relay race (senior): I, St. George's House, Junior: I, St. George's House.

Boys' tug of war (senior): I, May House, Junior: I, Nathan House.

Girls' tug of war (senior): I, Bede House, Junior: I, St. George's House.

The points gained by the various Houses were as under:

Boys: 1, Nathan House, 39 points; 2, May House, 23 points; 3, Lugard House, 22 points.

Girls: 1, St. George's House, 31 points; 2, Bede House, and St. Dunstan's House, 15 points each.

CRICKET.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

THE R.E.'S RECORD TO DATE.

Last week's league statistics did not include a second division match played at Happy Valley on December 15, in which the Royal Engineers defeated the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. This was down in the fixtures, originally, as a friendly, but on the ground, it was decided to make it a league game, as one earlier in the season, had to be postponed on account of the pitch.

Including this game, the junior league leaders have played off eleven of their sixteen fixtures and their position is highly satisfactory in view of the fact that they have practically the same team as last season. This year they have not had the services of Lieut. Hammond and Captain Wahl. After playing in six matches, Sergeant Redpath has gone home. He was not called upon to do very much bowling last season, but made two or three big league scores, although inconsistent. His all-round improvement this season, has meant a lot to the Sappers. Two players who have rendered yeoman service to the team this season are Major Gandy, who has the biggest aggregate in the division, and Q.M.S. Jacob, who tops the bowling averages with the second highest number of wickets although he has only played in seven matches. Sergeant Cockell, who arrived towards the end of last season, has fallen off in recent matches, after doing well with both bat and ball, and Captain Chippindall has also strengthened the batting. Redpath's going home has meant a good deal although Jacob has more than made up for his absence from the attack. The batting, however, is not all that could be wished for. The tail has seldom "wagged" when called upon for an effort, but there is one relieving feature which is the improvement shown in the last three matches by C. S. M. Smith, S. S. Brown and Q. M. S. Ramsey.

As to their record in detail, one finds that they have met all the other teams in the junior league at least once. The Chinese and University juniors have twice been beaten easily. On their own ground, the Indian 2nd XI lost by 47 runs early in the season, and at Happy Valley the Indians had slightly the better of a draw. Civil Service 2nd XI lost by 30 runs. Kowloon juniors gave the leaders a fight, getting them out for a small score but losing, in the end, by 37 runs, and the R. A. M. C. lost by a similar margin. The Club 2nd XI missed the points by only 32 runs and the Navy second team won by 22 runs. From this it will be seen that only the two weaker teams allowed the Sappers to pile on runs with ease whereas the other losers did fairly well against the leaders.

The biggest score made by the Engineers this season is 182 in their first match at Sookumpoo after the Indians had scored 135. They made 164 for 5 wickets and 149 all out against the Varsity and 170 for 3 in the return match with the Chinese but on all these occasions, most of the runs were not required. Coming further down the list, they made 144 against the Civil Service, 121 for 7 against the C. R. C. and 100 against the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. On the military ground the Indian juniors knocked up the biggest score against the leaders, 179 for 8 and the Sappers replied with 120 for 6. On other occasions when they batted first, they only knocked up 95 against the Indians, 69 against the Navy and 65 against the Chinese. The only other three-figure score against the R.E.'s was 135, made by the Indians in their first match. From this it will be seen that the attack has done exceedingly well, but the batting has sometimes given cause for alarm. As the Navy 2nd XI, who have won all their engagements to date are also strong in bowling, there is every chance of their running the Sappers closely for the championship of the division. The senior service has, however, to play eleven more fixtures and there may be a time when their best team is not available.

There were no surprises in the five matches played last Saturday, the best one of which was the one in which Kowloon seconds lost to the Indians after what promised to be a good fight. The winners declared with five wickets down for 153, and when Kowloon had the same number of wickets down, the 100 had been sent up. It seemed that they might beat their visitors' score in a race against time but the latter batsmen failed badly.

Below will be found the league statistics to date. If naval or military fixtures have been omitted, it shall be obliged if the respective secretaries or skippers will let me have the missing results.

A. R. Ramsey has passed G. R. More's aggregate although he has lost second position in the senior batting list. Pomfret (Navy) drops out of the junior bowling averages as he has not played in

half his team's engagements but his name appears in the senior list as he bowled in two of the first division matches. Players who figure in both divisions have separate records.

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	2	61	78	78.00
Claxton (H.K.)	2	106	106	53.00
Purcell (N.)	4	72	145	48.33
A. A. Ramjahn (U.)	4	110	193	48.25
Balchett (U.)	4	74	133	44.25
More (H.K.)	4	97	177	44.25
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	2	39	44	44.00
Pearce (H.K.)	2	40	42	42.00
De Rome (C.S.)	4	97	167	41.75
A. el Arculli (I.)	5	34	71	35.50
Quick (U.)	4	50	103	34.33
Paffard (N.)	4	46	102	34.00
Sayer (C.S.)	5	107	167	33.40
O. Ismail (I.)	6	39	164	32.80
Witchell (C.S.)	3	58	63	51.50
A. H. Madar (I.)	6	52	120	30.00
S. H. Ismail (I.)	6	50	163	27.17
Lindell (K.)	3	39	52	26.00
Roffey (U.)	3	37	70	23.33
Robinson (K.)	3	31	44	22.00
Nihill (C.S.)	4	27	44	22.00
Ng Se-kwong (C.K.)	4	47	87	21.75
Hett (U.)	4	56	65	21.65
J. S. Curreen (I.)	3	41	62	20.66

SECOND DIVISION.

Redpath (R. E.)	6	95	244	48.80
H. D. Ramjahn (I.)	7	72	178	35.60
Gandy (R. E.)	10	108	310	34.44
O. Ramjahn (I.)	8	67	201	33.50
Harper (C. S.)	9	60	267	33.37
A. K. Mackenzie (H. K.)	5	106	153	30.60
Hagen (H. K.)	6	47	149	29.80
Reid (H. K.)	7	65	147	24.50
Baron (H. K.)	4	45	97	24.25
D. Ramjahn (I.)	7	50	135	22.50
Weaver (K.)	5	52	111	22.20
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	7	44	154	22.00
			denotes not out.	

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	18	4.01
Bowler (H.K.)	8	4.75
Gould (N.)	8	5.12
Pomfret (N.)	8	5.12
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	6.42
A. H. Madar (I.)	12	6.68
Webster (H.K.)	11	6.66
Sayer (C.S.)	21	8.38
A. el Arculli (I.)	21	8.78
Casteldine (N.)	16	9.75
Quart (I.)	16	9.83
More (H.K.)	6	9.83
Quick (U.)	11	10.00
Balchett (U.)	10	10.00
W. Hung (C.R.)	6	10.00
A. A. Ramjahn (U.)	9	11.00
		SECOND DIVISION.
Jacob (R.E.)	33	5.82
Hogg (N.)	16	6.88
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	9	6.89
Griffin (H.K.)	18	7.78
Redpath (R.E.)	17	8.00
Hooppell (N.)	9	8.22
A. R. F. Raven (K.)	9	8.67
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	24	8.83
Winter (R.E.)	13	8.85
Sara (C.S.)	30	9.36
Petheram (K.)	19	9.42
Laing (U.)	19	9.58
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	25	10.10
Sirdar Khan (I.)	20	10.32
Reid (H.K.)	19	10.32
Overy (K.)	9	10.67
E. A. Moosdeen (I.)	10	11.70

LEAGUE TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Indian R. C.	6	4	0	2	14
H.K.C.C.	4	0	1	10	10
Civil Service	4	3	1	10	10
University	4	3	1	0	6
Navy	4	2	2	0	6
Kowloon C.C.	4	1	2	1	4
R.G.A.	4	1	4	1	4
Craigengower	4	0	3	1	1
Chinese R. C.	4	0	3	1	1

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Royal Engineers	11	9	1	1	28
Civil Service 2nd	10	5	4	1	16
Navy 2nd	5	5	0	0	15
H.K.C.C. 2nd	3	3	3	2	11
Indians 2nd	9	3	4	2	11
R.A.M.C.	7	3	4	0	9
University 2nd	8	2	4	2	8
Kowloon 2nd	7	1	5	1	4
Chinese 2nd	7	0	6	1	1

League Records This Season.

Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Ramjahn (University) 110; 2nd division, Major Gandy (R.E.) 108, not out.

Most wickets in an innings: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 9.1 overs (1 maiden), Quick (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (4 maidens), Bird (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 37 runs in 13 overs (4 maidens), Rough (R.G.A.) 7 wickets for 49 runs in 14.1 overs (2

WORLD THEATRE.

HEART SECRETS.

What is written in your heart? What are the promises and possibilities shown in your left hand? What is the will of your right? Leah Baird shows "The Heart Line" of Fancy Gray in the photo-dramatization of Gelema Burgess novel of the same name showing today at the World Theatre.

Events, as they happen, become as clearly inscribed on the hand as though written there with a quill pen; and as surely as coming events cast their shadows before, so surely are those shadows cast in the hand. The hand reveals what the heart conceals.

The lines of Fancy Gray's hands divulged secrets her heart would never tell. Her heart line disclosed three love affairs—two men would love her, she would love a third. And the heart line of the man she loved indicated a very interesting triangle of tangled hearts.

"The Heart Line" is an unusual love story that disclosed many secrets of palmists, clairvoyants and spiritualistic mediums. The cast in support of Miss Baird includes Jerome Patrick, Frederick Vroom, Ruth Sinclair, Mrs. Charles C. Craig, Little Ben Alexander, and others. Frederick A. Thomson directed.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

The following is the position of the Hongkong Rifle League to date:

	Shot	Won	Lost	Points
H.M.S. Dispatch	6	6	0	6
H.M.S. Hawkins	4	1	3	1
H. M. Dockyard	2	1	1	1
H.K. Police	2	1	1	1
94th Coy R.G.A.	2	1	1	1
Royal Engineers	3	0	3	0
H.M.S. Titania	1	0	1	0
H.M.S. Tamar	0	0	0	0
H. K. Defence Corps	0	0	0	0
A. Coy. East Surreys	0	0	0	0
B. Coy. East Surreys	0	0	0	0
C. Coy. East Surreys	0	0	0	0
D. Coy. East Surreys	0	0	0	0
H.Q. Coy. East Surreys	0	0	0	0
Mr. F. C. Goodman, the hon. secretary, requests that all teams will please get their matches shot off with H. M. Ships as soon as possible, in view of the early departure of the latter.				

ODE ON 'SIGHT'.

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Unfettered, tell us all—
They're windows of the soul—
And to see is to believe"

From truth these dictions over-run,
These random words unfurling jest;
The sun we see moves East to West,
Yet earth revolves and not the sun

To human eye the star-compeers
Seem illimitable at night,
Yet there appear before our sight,
Nearly five thousand in their spheres

Our eyes delight in tinsel-gilt;
Capricious men would seek renown;
But 'Sight' omit the fortune's frown,
Behind each past event God stilled

The worthless frame of womanhood
That outer semblance 'Sight' so prize,
Turdie's ashken though it smiles and sighs;
Then what is left intact (that's good)

But let us have the priceless picture
From which the frame some day must wrench;
The 'lover on a mother's bench'
Virtue or a maiden's feature.

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CHINESE "CHOP" QUERY

WAS IT BINDING?

AN IMPORTANT RULING.

An important judgment concerning the validity of Chinese firm "chops" was delivered by the Peking Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court today. The parties in the case were Chai Shan-nam (plaintiff) and the Wing Cheong Lung firm of paper merchants (defendants).

His Honour had been asked to give a ruling on an agreed statement of facts.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said:—"The plaintiff claims \$1,000 on a promissory note bearing the chop of the defendant firm. The firm consists of two partners—one defendant and the other exercising slight supervision only. Wu Ching-lan, a shareholder but not a partner, was the manager and did the buying and selling and with the fullest powers carried on the business. In March, 1922, the plaintiff advanced \$1,000 to Wu, who stated it to be for the use of the firm. The money was paid on 'the firm's' premises and a promissory note bearing the ordinary and regular chop of the firm was affixed by Wu. The money was not in fact applied to the purposes of the firm but was retained by Wu for his own use. The partners had no knowledge of the transaction. There is no evidence that the firm has ever borrowed money. I have to decide whether the firm is liable."

"The question is partly one of agency. In English law it is well settled that the manager of a business has no implied authority to borrow money. It is pointed out that borrowing money is not part of the ordinary business of paper merchants but it is common knowledge on the other hand that local Chinese firms very frequently raise money by loan for the purposes of the business. To my mind, the whole question of liability turns on the matter of the chop. Wu was the manager, having practically the entire conduct of the business. He was entrusted with the general chop which, I think, by local custom, confers very wide and general powers upon the holder."

"In my opinion," concluded His Honour, "the firm had held out Wu as their general agent for all reasonable business purposes, which would include the raising of money by loan, and I think therefore they are estopped from denying his authority to borrow. There must be judgment for the plaintiff with costs."

At the hearing Mr. Layman appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defence.

THEATRE STARS.

TWO SWORDS.

Two stars in the Cantonese theatrical world were the defendants before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning on a charge of possession of two nickel-plated swords.

One of them is the most popular actress of Hongkong audiences, having distinct womanish features. He is the leading "lady" in the troupe now performing at the Tai Ping theatre, being known by the stage name of *Sun Ding Hing Yew* and he claimed the ownership. He had taken the weapons to the Nanking boarding house to obtain tuition in a spectacular Northern sword display from another star who goes by the stage name of *Sai Gey*, and who takes the refined role of a scholar. It appears that Senior Revenue Officer Watt happened to go to the same place where master and pupil were wielding the swords before an admiring audience.

His Worship recorded a conviction but in view of the circumstances, did not impose a fine; the actors were ordered to sign a personal bond of \$100 for six months.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Java Sugar.—No. 24 rough white dropped about 20 cents (H.K.) per picul on the Nam Pak Hong Market yesterday. The other grades are quoted at the same prices for average quantity.

Rice.—A halt has been called in the general upward tendency noticeable during the last fortnight. This morning's quotations show no change from those of yesterday.

Flour.—Market very quiet on account of large stocks in speculators' hands and their inability to liquidate same because of the political outlook and the threatened Canton embargo on silver coin export. Prices unchanged.

PEKING CABINET.

RESIGNATION EN BLOC.

PEKING, January 10. The acting Cabinet met this afternoon and decided to resign en bloc. Their resignation was sent to the President at six o'clock.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below:—
1st XI v. Civil Service C. C. (F.) at C.S.C.C. ground.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. Blaker, G. R. More, E. G. Lammer, D. H. F. McMaster, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. England and W. Galloway.

2nd XI v. C.R.C. (L.) on H.K.C.C. ground.—H. E. Hollands (capt.), A. B. Raworth, E. C. Hagen, H. Griffin, W. W. Mackenzie, M. M. Mass, G. H. Piercy, C. R. Baron, C. V. Mark, P. Jacks and E. D. Black.

First League.

KOWLOON v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will play for the K.C.C. to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. sharp, on the Kowloon ground:—J. P. Robinson, (Capt.), R. E. Lindsell, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, R. Pestonji, F. W. Howell, L. E. Lammer, R. Earnshaw, J. M. Jack, A. W. E. Davidson and C. J. Tachi.

The following will represent the University in this match:—A. A. Rumbach (Captain), H. N. Balhetcher, E. K. Quick, M. H. Roffey, R. A. Ponsonby, F. A. C. Hett, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yew, D. Laing, S. Hachima and B. P. Ng.

CRAIGENGOWER TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the C.C.C. in to-morrow's matches as under:—

C.C.C. v. Indian R.C. first league at Soekumpoo.—B. W. Bradbury, D. Fritz, F. E. Lawrence, T. Grimes, G. W. Milne, A. A. Pater, C. White, S. Abbas, W. Hall, H. J. Dennis and R. Basa.
C.C.C. v. H.K.C.C. "A" Team on Craigengower ground.—E. Mowfung, W. B. Mesket, M. Pinner, F. K. Modi, Dr. V. Atienza, M. S. Sanjana, H. J. Chapman, D. Mackintosh, Y. Abbas, E. Moore and P. A. Dixon.

Second League.

UNIVERSITY v. KOWLOON.

The following will play for Kowloon 2nd XI on the University ground at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow:—H. Overy, (Capt.), A. R. F. Raven, W. L. Weaver, A. O. Brown, B. Petheram, E. J. Edwards, A. J. Kew, E. Savage, J. C. Long, D. S. Green and A. W. Summers.

RICSHA SQUEEZE.

EXEMPLARY FINE.

Salutary fines of \$10 each were meted out by Mr. J. R. Wood to five Kowloon ricksha coolies who appeared before him on a charge of unlawfully demanding an additional five cents from Chinese who had been taken from M. Y. San's tea-house in the Kowloon City district and had been driven to Mr. Tsang Poo's villa, a journey which just exceeds the five-cent rate.

Additional charges of assaulting one of the "fates" were not proved. Evidence was given and the coolies admitted that ten cents had been paid for each vehicle.

SHOCKED!

SMALL EARTHQUAKE NEAR HONGKONG.

The faithful seismograph at the Kowloon Observatory registered an earthquake shock last night which was felt by probably few in Hongkong.

We are informed that the shock was recorded at 10.44 last night and the movement ceased at 10.58. The total movement on either side of zero was 7 mm. The actual quake, which followed the shock occurred about 100 miles from Hongkong at 7.11 this morning.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

BIG SPECTACLE AT THE CORONET.

The "Birth of a Nation," which was the first of D. W. Griffith's big productions, comes to the Coronet to-day for its first showing in Hongkong.

The picture has by this time become so famous that little information is needed by the general public. It is one of those entertainments that everybody will go to see, without needing persuasion.

The period is that of America between 1860 and 1870, and the cast includes Lillian Gish and Henry B. Walthall, in the parts that made their reputation when the film was first produced some years ago.

"The Birth of a Nation" is said to be the only picture made in the comparatively early days of the modern film, that compares with the present day productions.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Monday, 7th January, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained the following to dinner at Government House: Surgeon-Captain and Mrs. Burniston, Lieut-Col. and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Major R. C. Campbell, Commander and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Major and Mrs. Paton, Mr. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. North, Sir Roderick Jones, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Ponsonby, who are staying at Government House, were also present at dinner.

On Wednesday, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained Captain Caccia of H.M.S. "Galabria" and Count Notarbartola to luncheon. Hon. Sir Claude and Lady Severn and Count Stefano Arraro, Italian Consul-General, were invited to meet Captain Caccia.

In the evening His Excellency entertained Members of the University Court together with Mr. Arthur Preece, the new Honorary Graduate, and the four new graduates, Dr. Chau Sek-nin, Dr. Chieh Toon-Lou, Dr. Chia Shih-ching and Dr. Mok Tai-tin. Dr. Chia Shih-ching responded to the toast of The New Graduates. Mr. S. W. Tso, the other new Honorary Graduate, was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

On Friday night the following have been invited to dine at Government House: Engineer Captain and Mrs. O'Dogherty, Lt-Col. W. E. Roberts, Lt-Col. R. H. Darwell, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, N. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ram, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton.

On Saturday His Excellency will visit the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks at Kowloon to view the models which are to be sent to the British Empire Exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O'Dogherty, Lt-Col. W. E. Roberts, Lt-Col. R. H. Darwell, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, N. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ram, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton.



IN THE GRIP OF INDIGESTION.

Many sufferers have daily to consider which they prefer—starvation or torture. Owing to food to appease the system's need for nourishment they rarely dare eat because of the agonies which follow even the slightest meal.

This pain after eating is the stomach's protest that it is too weak to work, and other warnings follow in the shape of heart-ache, flatulence, palpitation, depression, loss of weight and colour, constipation or purgative, sleeplessness, evil dreams. The temptation is to seek relief in drastic purgatives, but the use of these is always followed by worse conditions. Only by strengthening the stomach and other organs of digestion by tonic treatment through the blood can permanent relief and cure be found.

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Begin to improve your digestion to-day by starting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Dealers everywhere sell them or postfree, \$1.00 per bottle, \$5.00 per six bottles from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 80 Kingston Road, Shanghai but nothing else will do. Be sure and insist upon having.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Padua" left London on Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. for China and Japan. The P. & O. s.s. "Nyansa" arrived at London on Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

The B. P. s.s. "Nonelaus" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Jan. 4 for this port and is due here to-day. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m.

The C.A.S.S. "Victoria" left Sydney with general cargo and Australian Mail on Dec. 20; is expected to be here to-day and will meet at Quay 56. The Wing On Co. Ltd., Agents.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mogor" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 7 at 8 a.m. with the outward-English Mail, and is due here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karnala" is expected to leave Colombo on Jan. 15 p.m. for China and Japan.

The B. P. s.s. "Izlon" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 7 for this port and is due here on Jan. 13.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Rikton" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on Jan. 13.

The B. L. s.s. "Alma" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 8 at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 15 at about a.m.

The B. L. s.s. "Varina" left Bangkok for this port on Jan. 7 at a.m. and is due here on Jan. 15 at about a.m.

The C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 27 and is due here on Jan. 15.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pros. Madison" returns from Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11, arriving here at 7 a.m. on Jan. 12, and will call for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on Jan. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Azaronor" left Liverpool on Dec. 16 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe and is due here on or about Jan. 17.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pros. McKinley" which is due at this port on Jan. 18, sailed from Seattle on Dec. 23, on schedule.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Ogypum" sailed from Vancouver on Dec. 13 and is expected here on or about Jan. 20.

The B. F. s.s. "Phenias" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Cebu and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 25.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which is due at this port on Feb. 3 sailed from Seattle on Dec. 23 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Fremont" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 30.

The B. F. s.s. "Demodocus" left Liverpool on Dec. 19 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Feb. 4.

The D. L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on Feb. 4 sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 5 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Atreus" left Liverpool on Jan. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 9.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th of January 1924, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 17th January 1924, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the underwriter before the 20th of January 1924, or they will not be recognized.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"KUMERIC"

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 16th January 1924, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 23rd January 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 16th January 1924, at 10 a.m.

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SECOND NEW CONTEST.

FREE \$50 PRIZE.

CORONET THEATRE'S OFFER.

POPULAR MOVIE STARS.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN MOVIE FILMS!

This week's voting contest follows the new lines laid down last week. Competitors vote for the twelve best liked movie stars. They do not select from any given list, nor do they limit their choice to pictures shown in Hongkong. With \$50 waiting to be won, this is exciting enough; but the contest again has extra interest because the management of the Coronet Theatre, who are offering the prize again this week, announce that they will follow the voting in securing new pictures. Some one must win the \$50!—Why not you?

RULES FOR THE NEW CONTEST.

This week's contest is entirely different from the ones that have gone before. The new rules are as follows:—

Cut out the coupon given below. Fill in the TWELVE best liked movie stars, male or female. Send the coupon to the China Mail office marked "Vote." You may send in as many coupons as you like. Coupons must reach the China Mail office by Monday next. Any coupons received by the China Mail later than Monday will be disqualified.

The result will be announced in the China Mail on Wednesday next week. Members of the China Mail staff and employees of the Coronet Theatre are debarred from entering the contest. The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

REACHING THE VERDICT.

Each star you name in your coupons will get points, according to the position you give, as follows:—

1	.....	Twelve Points.
2	.....	Eleven "
3	.....	Ten "
4	.....	Nine "
5	.....	Eight "
6	.....	Seven "
7	.....	Six "
8	.....	Five "
9	.....	Four "
10	.....	Three "
11	.....	Two "
12	.....	One "

Thus the star you put first get twelve points and the star you put last only one point.

The star polling the highest total number of points will rank first in the general verdict.

The star with the next highest total number of points will come second, and so on until the twelve stars have all been placed.

FINDING THE WINNER.

Each coupon sent in will then be checked over with the general verdict. Every time you coupon has one of the twelve stars in the general verdict you will be awarded points.

These points will vary according to the position the star occupies in the general verdict and according to the position you give him or her in your coupon. You will get twelve points if your coupon has the star who comes first in the general verdict.

If your coupon has this star correctly placed in the first position you will get 12 points (12x1).

If you have put the star second you will get 11 points (12x1); third 10 points (12x1); fourth 9 points (12x1); fifth 8 points (12x1); sixth 7 points (12x1); seventh 6 points (12x1); eighth 5 points (12x1); ninth 4 points (12x1); tenth 3 points (12x1); eleventh 2 points (12x1); and twelfth 1 point (12x1).

If your coupon includes the star coming second in the general verdict you will get eleven points; multiplied in exactly the same way as above according to the position you give the star in your coupon.

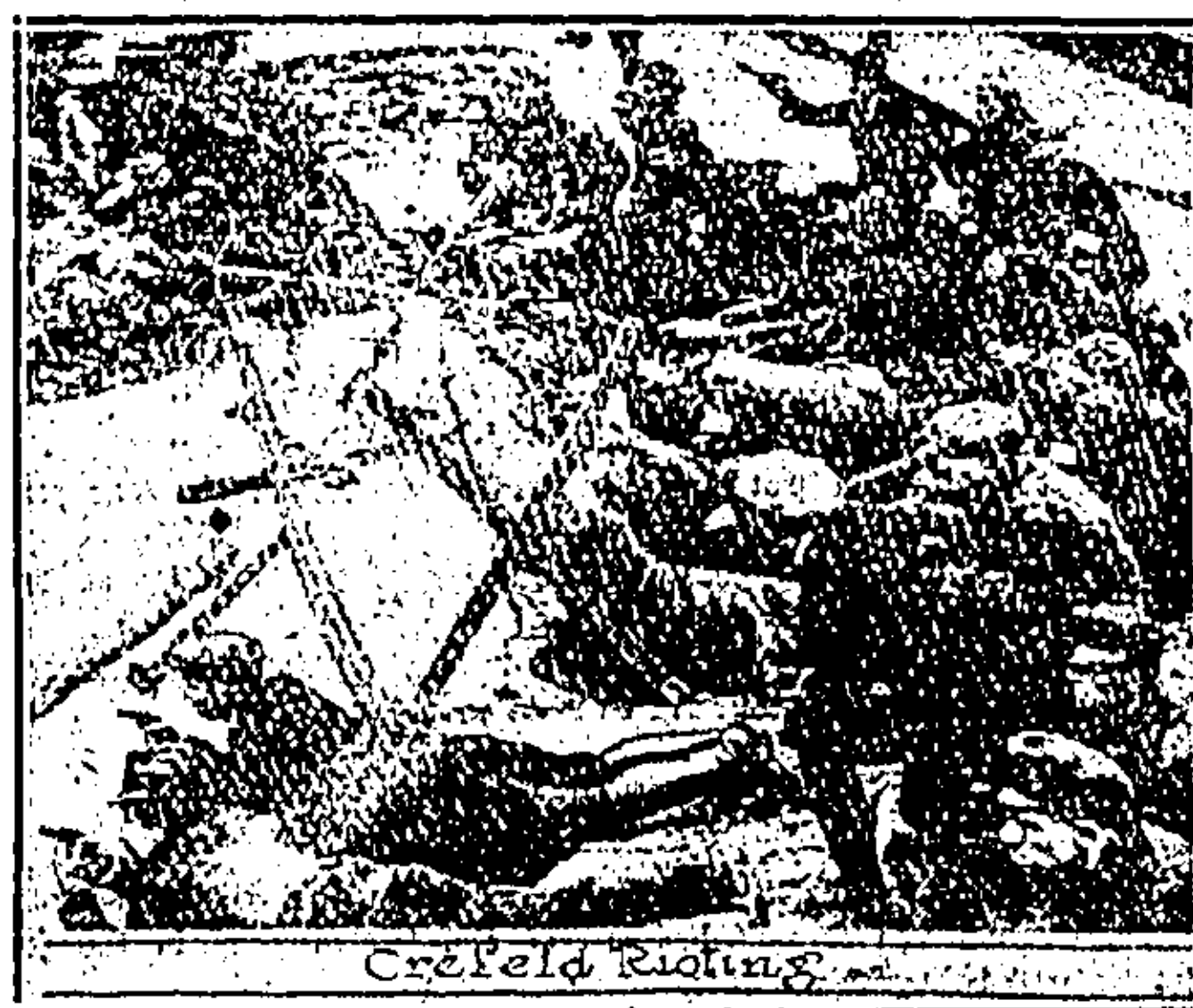
The same principle applies to every star in the general verdict down to the twelfth.

All your points will be added up, and the coupon with the highest number of points will win the prize.



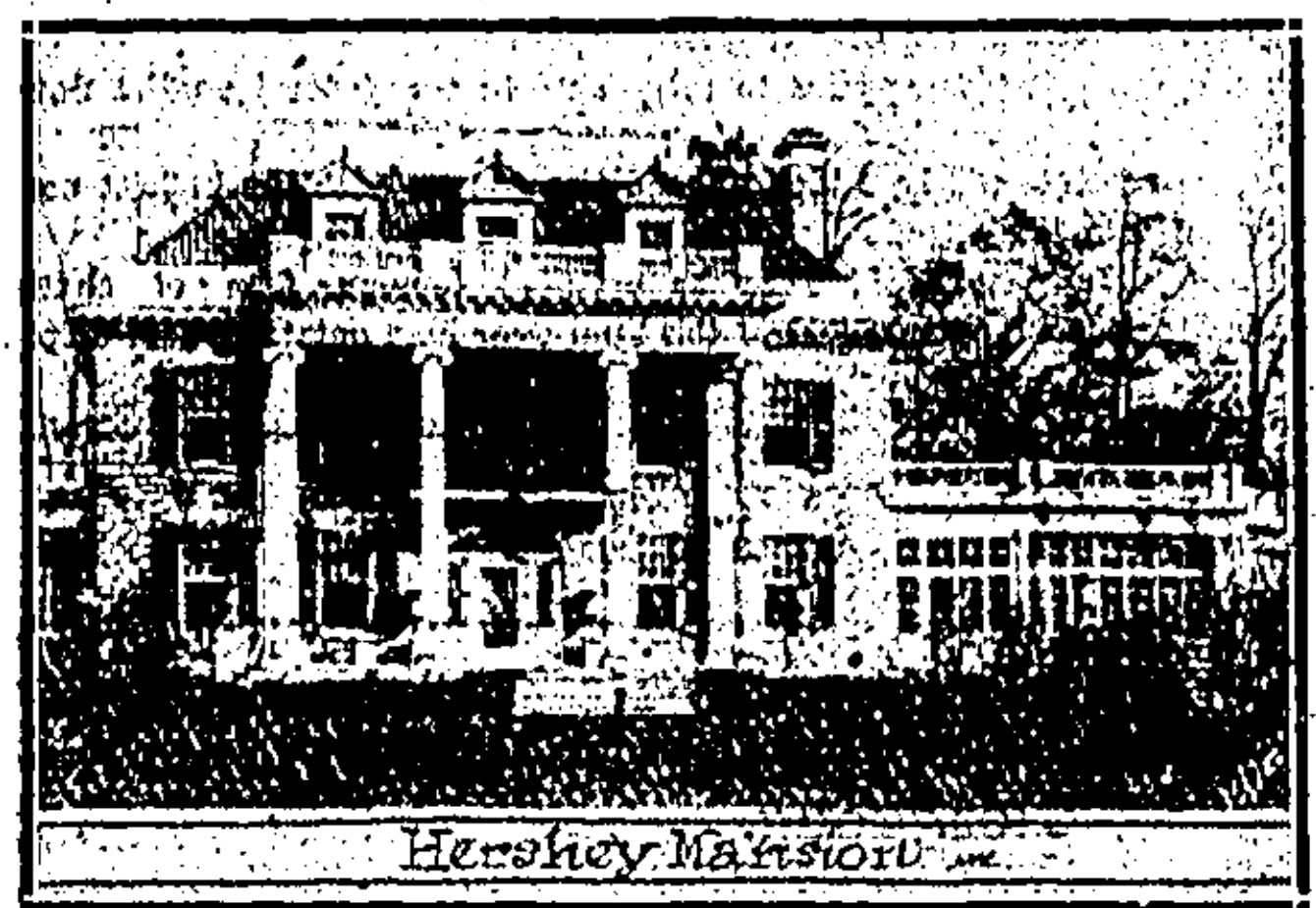
Gloria Swanson

In a darkened room in a New York City hotel Gloria Swanson, screen star, is cut off from the light of day by two cold and clammy cabbage leaves. On top of the cabbage leaves repose three slices of bacon. Superimposed on the bacon is an ice-pick. For Gloria Swanson has Klieg eyes, a malignant, painful inflammation resulting from the brilliant lights used in the moving picture studio sets. "If I only had a bunch of carrots and a string of onions to hang around my neck I'd be a complete New England boiled dinner," she declared. She will be confined for some time.



Crefeld Rioting

The civil strife in the Rhineland section of Germany has taken on the appearance of a carefully prepared plan of battle between the loyal followers of the German Reich and the Separatists, who would quit Germany and set up an Independent State. Desperate fighting has put down the Separatist movement for the time being. Separatists are shown here barricaded before the Town Hall at Crefeld, from which they were driven, with loss of life.



Hershey Mansion

The mansion pictured here is the palatial home of Milton S. Hershey, "Chocolate King," of Hershey, Pa. Mr. Hershey has given his entire personal fortune of \$50,000,000 to the Orphans' Industrial School he founded near his home. After Mr. Hershey's death the mansion, too, will form part of the school.



Crefeld Rioting

This photograph, taken at the imminent peril of the photographer's life, was snapped when police opened fire on the Separatists who had attacked the Crefeld Town Hall in their effort to overthrow the forces of the Reich and set up a new state in the Palatinate. Two men are shown down, wounded. Life apparently means little to these desperate Germans, for they seem to be laughing at their own danger.



Herr Richter

Herr Richter, President of the Berlin Police Force, is said to be the hardest-worked man in Germany. His clever handling of the difficult situations that have arisen there lately have won him great praise.



Ex-Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, fresh from his five years' exile in Holland, has re-entered Germany as a private citizen and taken up his abode at this castle at Oels, in Silesia.



Billy Tichenor

"Billy" Tichenor, a professional dancer, 19 years old, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church appeared before the Board of Bishops of the Church, consisting of representatives from all over the world, in session in Brooklyn, N. Y., and made a plea for the lifting of the amusement ban. This ban also includes the playing of picture shows. The Bishops promised to place the plea before the General Conference of the Church, which meets in May, 1924, at Springfield, Mass.



General Count Gerhard von Kanitz

General Count Gerhard von Kanitz is the new German Minister of Food and Agriculture, and as such he faces an almost impossible task in trying to feed the German people.



Joseph Linden Smith

Joseph Linden Smith, Boston artist, was making copies of the painting on the wall of the tomb of Rameses II, in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt, for the Boston Art Museum, when the ceiling collapsed. A huge boulder, weighing a ton, crashed Smith's head and crushed it in his feet. The tomb has been closed for repairs.



William Gibbs McAdoo

Through his campaign manager, David L. Rockwell, of Ravenna, O., William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of his father-in-law, ex-President Woodrow Wilson, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency this year.



Funeral Procession

The funeral cortege of the former British Prime Minister, Andrew Bonar Law, is shown proceeding slowly along Victoria street, London, on the way to Westminster Abbey, where the ashes of the great statesman were laid to rest near the bier of the Unknown Soldier. The Prince of Wales may be seen directly behind the flag-covered coffin, while to the left is Herbert H. Asquith, former Prime Minister, and to the right is Lord Balfour.



Admiral Eberle, U. S. N., looking over the rifle.

This international rifle cup was won by the American marines and sailors at Camp Perry, Ohio, and has been placed on exhibition in the Navy Department, Washington. General Lejeune, commander of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Eberle, U. S. N., are looking it over.

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